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NEW-LONDON

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF NEW-LONDON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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SELECTMENS' REPORT.

DISBURSEMENTS BY THE SELECTMEN.

Ministerial Department.

Paid B. C. Clement, for Baptist Society, ...	$48 04
B. P. Burpee, for Universalist Society, ...	18 20
James Todd, for Christian Society, ...	13 16
	$79 40

School Department.

Paid James Todd, District No. 1, ...	$62 14
Richard G. Cross, Dis. No. 2, ...	68 00
J. M. Hayes, Dis. No. 3, ...	128 02
Abel F. Hobbs, Dis. No. 4, ...	81 21
John Hutchins, Dis. No. 5, ...	71 15
Charles Crockett, Dis. No. 6, ...	64 95
Nathan D. Pingree, Dis. No. 7, ...	43 92
Nathan Trow, his tax 1853, ...	1 52
	$520 91

Town Debts and Expenses.

Paid McFarland & Jenks, for printing Reports,	$12 25
N. H. Asylum, for support of E. K. F. Pingree, ...	95 56
for Teachers' Institute, for 1852—3—4, ..	35 97
Ephraim Knight, sup. school committee, '53	20 00
John Page, note and interest, ...	379 32
J. M. Hayes, note and interest, ...	210 70

Paid Samuel Carr, note and interest,.....	221	68
S. M. Whipple, sup. sch. com. and Dr's bill, 1853,.....	10	50
J. M. Hayes, poor farm account, 1852, ..		80
J. K. Morrison, care of old town house, 1853,	3	00
David Towle, sch. house tax, Dis. No. 2, '53,	10	00
estate of Isaac Page, for support of Eliza Adams,.....	17	00
David Hart, repairing road at Otter pond,	101	34
M. E. Sargent, painting settees for town house,.....	19	00
E. H. Adams, for plow broken on highway,	1	45
J. G. Everett, repairing bridge dis. No. 18,	7	50
B. C. Davis, plank for bridge,.....	1	14
Isaac Messer, ½ pew in old town house, ..		17
Ebenezer Sargent, 1 pew do.		34
Robert Fulton, services on poor farm, 1853,	158	25
Joseph Trussell, plank for bridge,.....	1	29
Horace Morgan, breaking out highway, ..	2	25
Robert Fulton, money paid for breaking out highway,.....	8	00
State tax,.....	211	40
County tax,.....	281	15
Hiram Davis, digging graves,.....	19	50
John Currier, way marks on Sunapee lake,	1	00
S. K. Pike, do do	1	00
G. W. Everett, enrolling militia, and sup. school com.,.....	11	00
John Phelps, abatement of taxes,.....		30
C. S. Sargent, services as town clerk,....	10	00
S. M. Whipple, return of births and deaths, to town clerk, and recording the same,..	1	87
non resident highway tax, paid in labor, ..	2	98
due on Collector's bond for 1854,.....	171	11
for lamps for town house,.....	10	50
M. E. Sargent, hanging lamps,.....	2	00
for oil, wood, and care of town house,....	6	92
William Lee, toward fenc'g bury'g ground,	20	00

postage and stationery,	2 20
table for town house,	2 50
	$2,072 94

Selectmens' Bills.

Paid B. P. Burpee, for services:

prizing pews and selling old town house,	$1 00
journey to Newport, to pay J. Page's note,	2 00
4 days taking invoice,	4 00
6½ days making taxes, warrants, &c.,	6 50
overseeing and accepting Otter pond road,	1 00
regulating jury box,	50
½ day on town business,	50
1 day at poor farm,	1 00
making warrants and check lists,	3 00
5 days settling and making report,	5 00
keeping town books, recv'g and pay'g money,	5 00
	$29 50

Paid Amos Page, for services:

½ day prizing pews at the old town house,	50
½ day selling do. do.	50
4 days taking invoice,	4 00
3½ days making taxes,	3 50
selling and accepting road at Otter pond,	1 50
regulating jury box, and drawing jurors,	75
½ day on town business,	50
	$11 25

Paid Baruch C. Clement, for services,

prizing pews, and selling the old town house,	1 00
4 days taking invoice,	4 00
3½ days making taxes,	3 50
½ day on pauper business,	50
examining bridge at Trussell's mills,	50
regulating jury box,	50

½ day on town business,	50
1 day at poor farm,	1 00
making check lists and warrants,	50
3 days settling,	3 00
	15 00
	$2,729 00

The Selectmen credit the town of New-London for 1855, as follows:

Received cash in hands of Selectmen, 1853,	$595 42
list of taxes assessed in April last,	2,022 90
Railroad tax for 1853,	24 77
Literary Fund money,	52 03
from poor farm,	214 81
interest on town notes,	108 08
for use of town house,	15 00
Amount of credit,	3,033 01
Amount charged,	2,729 00
Cash in the hands of the Selectmen,	$304 01
Estimate of debts against the town,	1,300 00
Means of paying the same,	600 00
Amount of debts above the means of paying,	$700 00

B. P. BURPEE,
AMOS PAGE,
BARUCH C. CLEMENT,
Selectmen of New-London.

TOWN FARM.

Schedule of property on Poor Farm, Feb. 26, 1855.

14 tons hay,.....	$170 00
2 oxen, 80,00 ; 3 cows, 80,00,.....	160 00
4 three yrs old, 100,00 ; 5 two yrs old, 75,00,	175 00
4 yearlings, 28,00 ; 1 sheep, 3,00,.....	31 00
2 shotes, 15,00 ; 9 hens, 3,00,.....	18 00
24 bush. corn, 32,00 ; 1 bush. seed corn, 1,50,	33 50
8 bush. wheat, 18,00 . 13 bush. rye, 17,00, ..	35 00
40 bush. oats, 24,00 ; 50 bush. potatoes, 25,00,	49 00
12 bush. turnips, 3,00; 5 bush. carrots, 1,25, .	4 25
2 bush. beans, 4,00 ; ½ bush. peas, 1,00,.....	5 00
½ bush. salt, 0,40 ; 3½ bbls. soap, 12,00,.....	12 40
1 bbl. clear pork, 25,00 ; ½ bbl. ham, 12,50, ..	37 50
½ bbl. beef, 8,00 ; 50 lbs. tal'w and candles, 7,00,	15 00
35 lbs. butter, 7,00 ; 120 lbs. cheese, 9,60, ...	16 60
36 lbs. lard, 5,00 ; 12 lbs. dried pumpk's, 0,50,	5 50
24 lbs. dried apples, 1,44 ; ½ lb. rolls, 0,25, ..	1 69
4 prs. feeting, 1,12 ; 18 yds. sheeting, 1,62, ..	2 74
1 bag fine salt, 0,30 ; 1½ lbs. tea, 0,75, ...	1 05
6 lbs. sugar, 0,44 ; 4 lbs. saleratus, 0,28, ...	72
2 yds. crash, 0,22 ; 2 gals. molasses, 0,60, ...	82
1½ M. hem. b'ds, 10,50 ; 1½ M. shingles, 3,00,	13 50
Househ'd furniture, 50,00 ; wear'g app'l, 25,00,	75 00
Farming utensils,.....	47 00
	$910 27

The Poor Farm is charged for 1854, as follows :

Paid for 1 pr. steers, 70,00 ; herds grass and clover seed, 4,87,.....	$74 87
blacksmithing, 7,81 ; joiner work, 5,31, ..	13 12
work in haying, 24,60 ; saw'g lumber, 5,30,	29 90

26 lbs. sugar, 1,87 ; 7 3-4 lbs. tea, 3,92,.	5 79
13 gals. molasses, 3,88 ; 12 lbs. sal's 0,84,	4 72
33 lbs. codfish, 1,56 ; 11 lbs. tobacco, 2,80,	4 36
1 plow, 11,00 ; 11½ lbs. rolls 6,25 ; zinc, 7.2,	17 97
2 baskets, 0,60 ; lime, 0,12; 2 rennets, 0,67,	1 39
1 calf, 2,00 ; 2 pigs, 4,00 ; tin ware, ,56,	6 56
boots and shoes, 4,21 ; linen coat, ,75,...	4 96
cheese cloth, ,34 ; scythe and stone, 1,02,	1 36
3 bush. wheat, 6,37 ; for thre'g grain, 4,63,	11 00
2 calves, 8,00; 67 lbs. beef, 3,35 ; 2 padlocks, ,29,.....	11 64
Sutton taxes, 2,94 ; difference between calf and yearling, 5,00,.....	7 94
plaster, 2,00 ; salt, 3,56 ; nails, ,74 ; sheeting, 3,75,.....	10 05
2 butter tubs, ,66 ; 5 yds. crash, ,55 ; drilling, ,45,.....	1 66
cassia, ,24 ; ginger, ,12 ; thread, ,10 ; spice, ,10,.....	56
rice, 48 ; beet seed, ,05 ; 2 rakes, ,39 ; 1 pail, ,25,.....	1 17
nutmeg and alum, 22 ; bat'g, ,92, crack's 12,	1 24
wicking, 12 ; 1 qt. oil, ,35 ; 1 bbl., ,42,..	89
spruce boards, ,39 ; 8 gals. vinegar, 1,00,	1 39
poor farm tax, ...	11 38
	$223 94

The Poor Farm is credited for 1854, as follows;

Received for 68 bush. oats,.....	$38 25
17 bush. corn, 17,88 ; for hay, 23,67, ...	41 55
1 pr. oxen,.....	115 00
1 pr. steers, 50,00 ; 1 cow, 25,00,.....	75 00
12 cords wood,.....	27 87
56 bush. potatoes,.....	37 11
2 calf skins, 1,70 ; veal, 1,60, ...	3 30
½ bush. beans, 1,00 ; 17 lbs. cheese, 1,41,	2 41
19 lbs. ham, 2,44 ; 1 hide, 3,07, ...	5 51
poultry and eggs,.....	11 46

Rec'd for 167 lbs. butter, 32,24; straw, 4,50,..	36 74
39 lbs. lard, 5,55; 93 lbs. beef, 5,43, ...	10 98
62 prs. feeting, ...	18 71
870 feet hemlock boards,.....	6 11
7 bush. rye, ...	8 75
Amount of credit, ...	$438 75
Amount charged,.....	223 94
Balance in favor of poor farm, and credited to town, ...	$214 81

Which is respectfully submitted,

B. P. BURPEE,
AMOS PAGE,
B. C. CLEMENT,
} *Selectmen of New-London,*

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Superintending School Committee of New-London would submit the following Report:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The SUMMER SCHOOL was taught by Miss LAURA A. PUTNEY.—For faithfulness and accuracy, she has few equals. Her pupils were drilled with direct reference to the practical uses of Education. The WINTER TERM was under the supervision of Mr. JOHN PRESSEY, a thorough and pointed teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The School in this District during the SUMMER was under the direction of Miss ADELAIDE M. DAVIS. Although it was her first school, in our opinion, she was excelled by no teacher in town. Energy, faithfulness and thoroughness were marked characteristics in her method of instruction. I wish all teachers felt the importance of the same heartfelt devotion to their employment.

The WINTER SCHOOL during the first four days was taught by Mr. CLARK. He then left, for reasons best and only known to himself.—Such hasty *farewells* are certainly no enviable commentaries upon a young man's judgment or perseverance. The Prudential Committee then employed Mr. DANIEL N. CLARK. I am thoroughly convinced from what I saw and heard, that he taught an excellent school. He committed some imprudences as it was his first attempt as a teacher. But the Committee feel satisfied that most of the complaints against him were groundless; and must suggest that parents *positively know* whereof they affirm before they arraign a teacher to account for many

wicked and false reports. The Committee were called into this School *last* winter, and for what they never knew. It is hoped in future that the best interest of the district and children will be considered. No money would induce the Committee to have the investigation of this winter come before a child of his.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

This is one of our largest Districts. Its members secured the services of Miss SUSAN H. SARGENT in the SUMMER SCHOOL. She was correct and clear in her method of instruction, and her pupils made excellent improvement. The WINTER TERM was conducted by Mr. NATHAN W. SMITH. He taught, as he always has with marked success. In this School there are some pleasant and effective readers.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

This School in the SUMMER was under the direction of Miss JULIA A. ABBOTT. She is a superior scholar. Clear and definite in her knowledge, she makes a fine impression upon her pupils.

The WINTER TERM was under the supervision of Miss ANN AMBROSE. She is a fine teacher. The Committee have no fault to find or criticism to make, for she *did well*, and the scholars in this school have always acquitted themselves with honor. But we are convinced a male teacher should be employed in the winter session of this school. The reasons we would give, were it not for extending your Report to an undue length.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The SUMMER SCHOOL was taught by Miss JANETTE S. B. TODD. She is known through the town as one of our best teachers. To speak of her further, would be to repeat what we said in our last Report. Mr. J. E. SMITH was employed by this District to instruct in their WINTER SCHOOL. He did well. But parents do not take that interest in this School which they ought. Some of the scholars are careless and headstrong, and love their will, and play more than they tend to their books. This is wrong.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The SUMMER SESSION of this School was managed by Miss PLOOMA DAVIS.

She has a happy faculty of gaining the affections of her small pupils. The scholars although few and young made good progress in their studies, under her direction. She is faithful and conscientious in what she does for those committed to her care.

The WINTER SCHOOL was taught by Mr. JOHN AVERY. This was one of the most interesting schools in town. I know not which most to admire, Mr. Avery for his ease and faithfulness, or his scholars for their kindness and diligence. The parents have a right to exercise an honest pride in their scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The SUMMER SCHOOL was under the direction of Miss ANN E. WIGGIN. Her pupils made commendable improvement. The WINTER TERM was under the supervision of MR. HOWARD JOHNSON. He is a good and efficient teacher.

STATISTICS.

	No. of Scholars in Summer Schools.	No. of Scholars in Winter Schools.	No. of different Scholars in Summer and Winter Schools.
District No. 1.	13	18	26
" 2.	22	37	42
" 3.	32	43	52
" 4.	28	35	40
" 5.	34	33	46
" 6.	11	26	26
" 7.	16	20	24

Whole number of Scholars attending Summer Schools, 150.

Whole number attending Winter Schools, 212.

Whole number of different scholars attending School, 256, if the number in District No. 4, is forty. The Winter School is not reported, as Miss AMBROSE, the teacher, carried her report to Sutton and has not yet returned it to me.

In conclusion, the Committee would say all of your Schools, with a single exception, have experienced no trouble.

EPHRAIM KNIGHT,

Superintending School Committee of New-London.

NEW-LONDON, March 5th, 1855.

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